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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: NATOMAS QUILTS INDIA

REF: NEW DELHI 9206, JUNE 22, 1976

1. NATOMAS (US) HAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED THE GOI THIS WEEK THAT IT WOULD NOT PICK UP THE SECOND PHASE OPTION TO CONTINUE OIL EXPLORATION IN INDIA. THIS WAS CONVEYED TO THE EMBASSY BY NATOMAS REPRESENTATIVES DURING A COURTESY CALL TO EXPRESS THE COMPANY'S APPRECIATION FOR THE EMBASSY'S PAST SUPPORT. ACCORDING TO THE NATOMAS' REPRESENTATIVES, THE DECISION WAS BASED SOLELY ON NATOMAS' INABILITY TO PUT TOGETHER A FINANCIAL PACKAGE AFTER CANVASSING NUMEROUS COMPANIES. DUE TO COMMITMENTS IN THE US, THE COMPANY WAS UNABLE TO GO IT ALONE (NATOMAS OF INDIA, INC. ORIGINALLY HAD SEVEN PARTNERS INCLUDING THE GOI'S OGNATURAL GAS COMMISSION).

2. NATOMAS REPS STATED THAT THE COMPANY HAS MAINTAINED AN UNCLASSIFIED

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EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ONGC, IN FACT ONE OF THE BEST ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. WHILE THE COMPANY HAD NOT SUCCEEDED IN FINDING OIL, IT HAD HAD TO COVER AN UNUSUALLY LARGE AREA (28,280 SQ. KM). AT THE SAME TIME, NATOMAS CONSIDERED THE OIL PROSPECTS IN THE BAY OF BENGAL AS VERY PROMISING. THEY ALSO INDICATED THAT NATOMAS WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO INDIA.

HOWEVER, AT THE PRESENT TIME, IT WAS SIMPLY A MATTER OF ECONOMICS. THEY SAID THAT THE GOI FULLY UNDERSTOOD NATOMAS' POSITION. THE COMPANY HAD FULFILLED ALL CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS TO DATE AND THIS WAS ALSO FULLY RECOGNIZED BY THE GOI.GOHEEN

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